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**From:** Lawler, Michael (DPH)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 20, 2010 12:05 PM  
**To:** Nassif, Julianne (DPH)  
**Subject:** FW: Date of enactment for the ammendment to the ketamine law State Laboratory

Julie,  
The drug law amendment regarding the status of Ketamine was signed by the Governor the first week of October. This change would permit us to certify ketamine (base or any salt) without having to do the rather labor intensive preps necessary for an infra-red spectroscopy (IR) to determine if it is ketamine "hydrochloride." Senator Joyce's office will check the specific date and get it back to us.  
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**From:** Lawler, Michael (DPH)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 20, 2010 11:49 AM  
**To:** Joyce, Brian (SEN)  
**Cc:** Salemi, Charles (DPH); O'Brien, Elisabeth (DPH)  
**Subject:** Date of enactment for the ammendment to the ketamine law State Laboratory

Senator Joyce,

The laboratories which perform forensic analysis of the drug ketamine will need the date the Governor signed the bill into law. This date will be critical to the appropriate handling of any suspected ketamine samples seized before and after that date. Depending on the date seized, each submission will have to face a different analytical scheme to be certified. If you can e-mail me back the date, I will forward it to all the labs which should have this information.

Thank you for sponsoring this important act and attending to this inquiry.

Sincerely,

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